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the point is well made, that we hear the same message two or three times.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Maresh, for what purpose do you arise?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, which rule are you acting according to?

SENATOR MARVEL: It is rule 7 on page 37 and it is subdivision (c) which indicated "Messages from the Governor may be received at any stage of proceedings", and "received" has been interpreted to mean that it is not only read but it is also printed in the Journal. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and especially, Senator DeCamp, I think this is ridiculous to object to the Governor sending us a message and having that message printed in the Journal, irrespective of the content of the Governor's message and I think it is a waste of our time for you to make an objection to it, and I would hope that in the interest of preserving what is left of the legislative session and the time that we have that you would withdraw your objection. Certainly it is going to take more time for you to handle this issue than it is for us to extend the courtesy as we always have to receive the Governor's message and have it printed in the Journal, and even though you and I don't always like the content of some of the Governor's messages, I think it is proper for us to receive them and have those printed in the Journal and it is only common courtesy. And so I would urge you to remove your objections and so we could proceed with the business of the day.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, there are other lights on. I am going to ask you a question. Are you...do you wish to speak on a motion to overrule the Chair? Is that your motion?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SENATOR MARVEL: Your motion is to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, rule 1, (d), section 17, no communications or letters shall be read by the Clerk of the Legislature unless authorized by the Speaker or the Reference Committee. Contemplated, I am sure, in the messages from the Governor matter were such things as veto messages, such things as allowing the Governor to come before the Legislature, present his talk or his budget. As a courtesy in the past, we have extended to him broader privileges, sending us letters. In recent years, I believe this courtesy has been abused, when the Governor sends personal attacks upon the Legislature regularly, on members of the Legislature, on bills not on his desk, on ideas contemplated and uses this simply as a campaign sounding board and I think we should begin enforcing the rules in their strictest manner.

SENATOR MARVEL: Okay, you have made your point. Now I recognize Senator Koch. We are speaking now on the motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, reluctantly I support Senator